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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-39) for prosecution in the present application. With respect to the restriction between species, Applicant elects the claims corresponding to (i) species of fixation pin represented in Figure 10 (Species 1), (ii) the species of "first retention structure" as recited in Claim 5 (Species "annular structure") and (iii) the species of plate represented in Figure 6 (Species B) without the cap shown in Figure 8. Applicant submits that Claims 1-2, 4-5, 9, 12-15, 21-22, 24-25, 28 and 31-34 are readable on the elected species. The present election is being made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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